

Date: Tuesday 9 November 2021 **Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Program: Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)
Title: SRL Cheltenham Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Security Classification: [Public](#)

Attendees

- Nick Staikos, Member for Bentleigh
- Nina Taylor, Member for Southern Metropolitan
- Suzanne Waddell, GHD
- Yogeeta Silva, Precinct Director (Cheltenham), SRLA
- Deepak Muniyandi, Senior Project Engineer, SRLA
- Jesse Overton-Skinner, Manager Government Relations, SRLA
- Katy Sylvia, Engagement Adviser, SRLA
- James Kearney, City of Kingston, Senior Project Manager
- Derek Screen, President, Pennydale Residents Action Group
- Daniel Czech, Community representative
- Bonnie Meiselbach Kingston Residents Association
- Will Roberts, Deputy Director, Stakeholder Engagement, SRLA
- Lissa van Camp, Director, Land Planning & Environment, SRLA

Key discussion points

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Introduction	<p>Suzanne Waddell (SW) welcomed the group and lead introductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW raised a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and reviewed the outstanding actions list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minutes accepted ◦ ACTION: Invite Minister Allan to a future meeting (Ongoing) ◦ ACTION: DS question on (Closed, re-opened, ongoing)
Initial works update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRLA gave an update on Initial Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Background and purpose ◦ Assessment ◦ Planning status ◦ Planned activities • SRLA gave an Initial Works community consultation update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summary of consultation so far ◦ Review of key feedback themes ◦ Next steps • Derek Screen (DS) wanted to clarify if Cheltenham PRG represented Heatherton residents and how Heatherton residents are being engaged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ SRLA question on notice ◦ ACTION: SRLA to clarify PRGs and Heatherton community engagement • DS asked what the timeline is for the Minister's assessment on Initial & Early Works? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ SRLA answered the application was submitted on Monday 8 November and the Minister has 8 weeks to determine the outcome.
EES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRLA discussed the release of the EES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Background, highlights and

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Briefing Q&As	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public exhibition timeline ○ Planning Scheme Amendments (PSA) overview ○ Public hearing overview • SRLA virtually toured the group through the EES website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of Impact Assessment sections ○ Review of Environment Management sections ○ Review of conclusion ○ Explanation of document database and alternate viewing methods • Daniel Czech (DC) asked why the mapping and tables are not included in the PDF downloads of the EES. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that the mapping and tables are interactive and do not translate accurately to static visuals. • DS noted the potential inaccessibility of the EES for mobile phone users and those interested in printed copies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that 94% of people surveyed had access to a mobile phone, tablet or computer (pre-Covid) which is why the platform was chosen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PC's being established in local libraries with EES navigation instructions. ▪ Jesse Overton-Skinner (JOS) noted the list of libraries is available on the SRL website and the upcoming face-to-face Community Information Sessions being hosted by SRLA. ○ ACTION: SRLA to verify mobile phone accessibility. • DS asked if the review period for the EES could be extended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that the timeframe is determined and set by the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning and noted that the virtual platform is making the information that is directly applicable to stakeholders more readily available therefore cutting down the time it takes to review. • Bonnie Meiselbach (BM) noted that community members are not comfortable with online only consultation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: SRLA to send EES library locations to PRG. ○ ACTION: GM requested Clarinda Library receive a copy of EES if not already included. ○ ACTION: DS requested 3 copies to be sent for his community document library. • BM asked what the actual expected depth of Nicholas Grove, Heatherton tunnels is. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that the online platform has a function that you can click on any point in the alignment and see the exact depth of the tunnel. • BM asked if the EES reviewed contaminated soil issues at Heatherton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered there is a Spoil Management Strategy for Heatherton and Cheltenham included in the document library of the EES. • BM noted the indication of the start and ending of project traffic in Dingley is not clear in the EES. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered its showing where the heavy vehicles will enter and leave from; it is not a laydown area. • DS asked about the amount of information kept on the computer when viewed (cache), particularly on a mobile device <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered the EES store information in the cache.
SRL East Cheltenham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRLA discussed SRL East Cheltenham particulars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Turnback facility ○ Station platform ○ Station entrances ○ Station footprint

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sir William Fry Reserve integration ○ Station entrances ○ Pedestrian & cycle overpass & paths ○ Bicycle parking ○ New bus interchange ○ Accessible pick up and drop off areas ○ Connection between current MTM station and SRL station ○ Above ground station buildings • DM lead an overview of station box cross section diagram. • DS asked about the platform height and height of the tunnels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered there is 4m of height between the ceiling and concourse. ○ Action – share link to relevant EES page EES with tunnel heights • DS asked why the electrical infrastructure couldn't be underground. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered the area restraints required some of the infrastructure buildings being at ground level to maintain a smaller station footprint • DS asked about the proposed bus depot and wanted to confirm the SRL bus depot is in addition to the existing Southland interchange. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that is the intent of the proposed bus interchange and noted continued engagement with DoT on the matter. • DS asked about the pedestrian bridge location and if it is going to be aligned with the aging existing rail bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered it will be an independent overpass separate to the rail line and not reliant on the quality or condition of the current rail bridge. • DC asked how many platforms there are. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered that it is an island platform with tracks on either side. • DC asked if there is redundancy to having an additional entrance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA answered the research indicated one station entrance was found suitable through modelling. • SRLA reviewed the SRL East Cheltenham benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jobs for Cheltenham ○ Better connections ○ Vibrant communities • DS asked why SRL uses 1600 metres around the station precincts as opposed to 800 metres? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: SRLA took the question on notice. • DM gave an overview of SRL East Cheltenham traffic and transport and construction impact mitigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction traffic management plan ○ Dust and air quality monitoring ○ Excavated soil disposal ○ Offsetting tree and vegetation removal ○ Relocating skate park ○ Providing advance notice of works ○ Property condition surveys • SRLA reviewed options for accessing the EES. • SRLA discussed upcoming Community Information Sessions • SRLA reviewed how to make a submission to the EES via Engage Victoria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hard copy submission instructions ○ All concerns can be submitted in one submission
Actions and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Waddell acknowledged outstanding questions and requested they be e-mailed to PRG email for follow up directly. • DS noted that the Heatherton community requires its own Precinct Reference Group. • Nina Taylor (NT) closed the meeting and thanked the group for their time.

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Actions – new

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1.	SRLA to invite Minister Allan to future meeting	SRLA		Open	
2.	Questions from DS taken on notice	SRLA		Closed	
3.	SRLA to clarify PRGs and Heatherton community engagement	SRLA		Closed	
4.	SRLA to verify EES mobile phone accessibility	SRLA		Closed	
5.	SRLA to send EES library locations to PRG.	SRLA		Closed	
6.	PRG requested Clarinda Library receive a copy of EES if not already included	SRLA		Closed	
7.	DS requested 3 printed copies of the EES be sent to him for his community document library	SRLA		Closed	
8.	SRLA to share link to EES page with more information on tunnel heights	SRLA		Closed	
8.	SRLA to answer question re: 20-minute neighbourhoods (question on notice)	SRLA		Closed	